

What good are rocks?

Hands on activity

Materials –

- Table cloth
- Rock and mineral specimens
- Common products made using these specimens

This activity connects rocks and minerals with common household products that are made or manufactured from them. We all have rock collections in our houses whether we know it or not. Particularly in the bathroom where you find minerals in soap, deodorant and make-up.

Lesson –

- Put down table cloth and line up numbered pages
- Place numbered bags on corresponding pages
- Remove specimen and products from each bag and place together on numbered pages (please don't mix-up the contents of the bags)
- Start by asking students questions about rocks and minerals and how useful they think they are or what we do with rocks
- Presentation
- Make toothpaste